

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Independent claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13 have been amended. The preamble of claim 13 has been amended to improve its form and clarity. Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to further define a file path information obtaining device, step, and module, respectively. In this respect, these claims now call for obtaining file path information from the read additional information. The file path information addresses the location where the original file corresponding to the original is stored. Moreover, these claims now call for searching the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information, and correcting the displayed file path information and searching based on the corrected file path information when the original file is not found. See paragraphs 123-124 of the corresponding published application 2004/0141761. No new matter has been introduced.

§ 112 Rejection

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd ¶, because the examiner deemed that both the editing device and the display device perform the same editing function. Applicant disagrees because independent claims 1, 7, and 13 clearly recite that only the editing device/step/module performs the editing. As previously presented, the display device merely performs the displaying function, namely displaying in the display device/step/module the additional information for editing. For clarity, however, the claims have been edited so that the examiner does not misinterpret the claims.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Nagata (USPGP 2002/0082027). Applicant submits that Nagata would not have disclosed or taught at least the searching feature, where the searching is made based on corrected file path information when the search does not find the original information, as set forth in independent claims 1, 7, and 13.

Independent claims 1, 7, and 13 each call for, *inter alia*:

- 1) obtaining file path information, which addresses the location where the original file corresponding to the original is stored;

- 2) displaying the file path information obtained from the read additional information; and
- 3) correcting the displayed file path information and searching for the original file using the corrected file path information when the original file based on the file path information obtained from the read additional information is not found.

The present claims call for searching for an original file based on the file path information, which identifies the location where the original file corresponding to the original is stored. In the last rejection, the examiner construed Nagata's browser (see Fig. 10), which permits entry and editing thereof, as corresponding to the claimed editing feature. Nagata, however, fails to disclose editing the file path information, such as a displayed URL. Rather, Nagata permits entry of only the product (wine) information, such as Name, Year of Harvest, Place of Production, etc. The URL "http://www.label-service.com" displayed in Nagata's Fig. 10 cannot be changed since it is the address of the search screen/engine. In contrast, the claims call for editing the file path information, such as an URL, which identifies the location where the original file corresponding to the original is stored. As Nagata fails to disclose or teach editing/correcting the URL in searching wine labels, Nagata would not have disclosed or taught the claimed invention.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that claims 1-13 patentably distinguish over Nagata and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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